

Jeremiah 29 from the New Living Translation

29 Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. ²This was after King Jehoiachin, the queen mother, the court officials, the other officials of Judah, and all the craftsmen and artisans had been deported from Jerusalem. ³He sent the letter with Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah when they went to Babylon as King Zedekiah's ambassadors to Nebuchadnezzar. This is what Jeremiah's letter said:

⁴This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: ⁵"Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. ⁶Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! ⁷And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

⁸This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, ⁹because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the Lord.

¹⁰This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. ¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

Deep Sheet

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What is “false good news?”

Who exiled the people of Israel to Babylon?

Did you ever hit rock bottom? If so, what was it like?

How long did it take for things to turn around?

Other Notes:

July Daily Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
6	Su	2 Thessalonians 3			Psalms 29	
7	Mo	1 Timothy 1			Psalms 30	
8	Tu	1 Timothy 2			Psalms 31	
9	We	1 Timothy 3			Psalms 32	
10	Th	1 Timothy 4			Psalms 33	
11	Fr	1 Timothy 5			Psalms 34	
12	Sa	1 Timothy 6			Psalms 35	
13	Su	2 Timothy 1			Psalms 36	